

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, Warren Norris, Gerald Mohr, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman Jerry Kent, Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

SURVEYOR

Marvin Rees, Surveyor, provided the council members with a copy of Drainage Board Resolution 2011-5 authorizing loans for the reconstruction of the Eva Frazee drain. Rees stated that the \$20,481.80 project has already begun. Rees also stated that the interest is being paid by the landowners.

Rees also provided the council members with a copy of Drainage Board Resolution 2011-6 authorizing loans for the reconstruction of the Lucinda Harcourt drain. Rees stated that this \$20,000.00 project has not yet begun.

Rees asked the councils acknowledgement notification of the two loans. Gerald Mohr made the motion. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deborah Adams informed Rees that the Department of Local Government Finance is now requiring debt reporting thru the Gateway software.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, reported on the legislative summer committee for solid waste districts. Yeend reported that there is more than one way to fund solid waste districts than tax dollars.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported thirty-two (32) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Sherwood reported that the budget looks good for the remaining of the 2011 calendar year.

Sherwood reported that fuel bids will be opened during the December 5, 2011 commissioners meeting.

Sherwood informed the council of jail building issues that need addressed. The front door seal needs replaced. The upstairs patio door needs replaced.

Sherwood discussed the pricing of vehicles. Sherwood stated that he was trying to stay local. Bill McCoy Ford out of Muncie has offered \$8,000.00 trade for the Durango in on a Ford Explorer. This would bring the cost quoted to \$19,226.00

Sherwood asked permission from the council to spend no more than \$3,000.00 from the commissary fund towards the employee awards dinner. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The council approved Ordinance 2011-1 a Canine Office contribution fund established to accept donations. Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve the ordinance. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE 2011- 1

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE RUSH COUNTY CANINE OFFICER CONTRIBUTION FUND

WHEREAS, Rush County, Indiana, utilizes canine officers in its law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, businesses and individuals donate money toward the purchase and maintenance of the canine officers; and

WHEREAS, it is proper to have a designated fund established for these funds to ensure they are utilized only for the canine officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Rush County, Indiana:

1. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to I.C. 36-1-3-1.
2. There is hereby created a fund known as the Rush County Canine Officer Contribution Fund.
3. All monies donated, whether by a business or an individual, to be utilized toward the purchase of or the maintenance of a canine officer shall be deposited into the Rush County Canine Officer Fund.
 - a. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to such items as food, medical care, bullet proof vests, fencing, shelter, travel accommodations in the handler's vehicle, or other necessary items for the canine officer.
4. Funds from the Rush County Canine Officer Contribution Fund may be used for the purchase or maintenance of a canine officer for the Rush County Sheriff's Department or the Rushville City Police Department.
5. Money from the Rush County Canine Officer Contribution Fund shall be appropriated by the Rush County Council as all other funds are appropriated.

6. Funds in the Rush County Canine Officer Contribution Fund shall not revert to the County General Fund at the end of the year, but shall remain in this fund.

7. The Rush County Canine Officer Contribution Fund shall remain in existence until the appropriate law enforcement authorities determine there is no longer a need for canine officers in Rush County, Indiana. At that time, any funds remaining in the Rush County Canine Officer Contribution Fund shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement Training Fund.

8. This Ordinance is effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 9th day of November, 2011.

/s/ Norman L. Winkler
Norman L. Winkler

/s/ Warren L. Norris
Warren L. Norris

/s/ Gerald W. Mohr
Gerald W. Mohr

/s/ Janet D. Kile
Janet D. Kile

/s/ Bruce W. Levi
Bruce W. Levi

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams,
Rush County Auditor

Discussion was held regarding bringing the former owned generator from Rush Memorial Hospital and placing it in the Jail as their back up. Sherwood will have Verlin Custer check out the installation and inspect the generator to be sure it is still operational.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, encouraged the council to reappoint Ruth Geise to the Area Plan Commission. Todd shared that the Area Plan Commission as a whole supports Geise to be reappointed.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, asked the council to make a motion as to their decision as how to address the non-captured 2010 pay 2011 reassessment levy. Adams encouraged the council to address it within the current tax year. Jerry Kent made the motion to address the non-captured 2010 pay 2011 reassessment levy in the 2012 calendar year. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams informed the council that notification has just been received from the Indiana Board of Tax Review that the county lost the commercial real estate assessment appeal with BBR- Vision III LP.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Warren Norris. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>	<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>
Norman Winkler, Chairman	Warren Norris	Gerald Mohr

<u>/s/Janet Kile</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/Kevin Spilman</u>
Janet Kile	Bruce Levi	Kevin Spilman

<u>/s/Jerry Kent</u>
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

<u>/s/Deborah C. Adams</u>
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor